Tail of the Moon

Chapter 52

TAIL OF THE MOON EXTRA: TODAY'S MISSION

"I WANT TO SEE USAGI AND RYO TOGETHER!"

-AOI, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE

I'M SURE HANZO WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE ME IN IT. ♡ IT WAS A LITTLE (OK, VERY) HEAVY THOUGH...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD.
I...I WANT HANZO TO SEE ME IN THIS JUNI-HITOE...
HUFF
HUFF
USA, IT LOOKS REALLY HEAVY...
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

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WE MUST BUILD THE PERFECT FORTRESS AND KEEP OUR GUARD UP.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE'RE ALREADY GETTING READY FOR BATTLE?
THE FORTIFICATIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE AS YOU ORDERED, MASTER HANZO!
YOU'VE ALL DONE WELL!

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FOR SAMURAI OF THE NORTHERN LANDS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE—
...BUT DO YOU THINK A SKILLED TACTICIAN LIKE NOBUNAGA WOULD WAGE WAR IN THE WINTER WHEN IT'S SNOWING?
WAIT A MINUTE.
THE LORDS IN THE KINKI REGION WHO ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF NOBUNAGA WILL LIKELY TAKE PART IN THE ATTACK AS WELL...
YOU'RE RIGHT..
SHOCK
HUH?
...BECAUSE THEIR REAL MOTIVE IS TO ATTACK US BY THE END OF THIS YEAR BEFORE WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO FULLY PREPARE FOR BATTLE?
WHAT IF THIS RANMARU TOLD YOU THAT THE ATTACK ON IGA WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ON PURPOSE.

WHY DID YOU BRING THE CAT...?
SO THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR...
RRRC
RRRC
SOUTH IGA LEADER MOMOCHI TANBA
WE MADE IT THROUGH THE LAST TWO ATTACKS. .
—BUT THIS TIME, THEY'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO BRING A HUGE ARMY WITH THEM.
NORTH IGA LEADER NAGATO FUJI-BAYASHI
I FEEL THAT EVERYBODY IN IGA MUST WORK TOGETHER IN ORDER TO FEND OFF THIS ATTACK.

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USAGI, SINCE YOU'VE...
...FULFILLED YOUR ASSIGNMENT AT AZUCHI...
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT!
GR..
..GREAT-GRANDPA, I.
...I QUALIFY YOU AS A NINJA!!
REALLY?!
HE DID NOT SEE THROUGH OUR DISGUISES!
IF HE HAD, WE WOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK ALIVE, RIGHT?
WELL, YOU DO HAVE A POINT THERE, BUT...
IF HE SAW THROUGH HANZO AND USAGI'S DISGUISES AND FIGURED OUT THEY'RE NINJA, IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.
ARE YOU SAYING THAT RANMARU LIED TO THEM?!
EEEED
IF RANMARU REMEMBERED PASSING BY ME IN KOUGA, THEN HE MAY HAVE KNOWN THAT WE'RE NINJA...
MAYBE I SHOULD TELL THEM ABOUT IT...?

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ALL THE ANCESTRAL TREASURES AND SECRET SCROLLS ARE KEPT HERE.
THROB
"MY WIFE."
IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME, IT WILL BE YOUR JOB TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.
I WON'T DIE AND LEAVE YOU BEHIND.
I'M JUST SAYING "IF"!!
SHUSH!
HANZO, DON'T DIE!!
YOU'RE THE WOMAN WHO IS GOING TO BECOME MY WIFE, USAGI.
YOU DECIDED TO TELL ME ABOUT SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROOM...
THIS IS A SECRET ROOM THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT, EVEN THE PEOPLE WHO WORK HERE.
OOH...
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS AN ATTIC...
Watch your head.
KAMI NO HANZOU KNOWS ABOUT IT...
NO ONE...?
...BUT THIS ROOM IS ONLY USED BY THE LEADERS OF OUR CLAN.

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UE-RIN'S WAY OF THE MANGA 13

During the meeting in Osaka, I got to learn about different tools and techniques from other girls who were there, so it was a really enlightening experience for me

Since I didn't tell my own friends about drawing manga meeting people who also drew manga was a great inspiration for me And so I continued to draw and send manga and hardly studied for my exams after that. The reason I was still able to attend school without missing classes was because my house was kitty-corner to my school so I was able to make it in time even if I left my house after the school bell rang.

I WILL SURVIVE THE COMING HARDSHIPS...
...AND MAKE YOU HAPPY, USAGI.
DO NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS ROOM.
I'M ALREADY HAPPY ENOUGH... ♡
IT'S A SECRET BETWEEN US. ♡
OKAY.

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BOW
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TELL YOU UNTIL NOW!!
SCOLD ME, HANZO!!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
YOU NEVER CEASE TO SURPRISE ME, USAGI.
...SO SCOLD ME...
...WHEN I WAS KIDNAPPED BY HIKARU...
I'VE BEEN HIDING THIS FROM YOU ALL THIS TIME, BUT...
USAGI...?
ACTUALLY...
...I PASSED BY RANMARU IN KOUGA!!
...SO I'VE BEEN PRETENDING NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
RANMARU DIDN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER ME...

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IT ONLY PROVES THAT HE DIDN'T CAPTURE YOU TWO BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO USE YOU.
YOU MAY BE RIGHT...
HANZO..
THEREFORE, I REVOKE YOUR QUALIFICATION AS A NINJA, USAGI.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD FOR YOU TO TELL ME THAT.
THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP ME COME UP WITH OUR NEXT MOVE
HUH...
RAISE YOUR HEAD.
ARE. .
...AREN'T YOU GOING TO SCOLD ME?

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I'LL GO TOO...
NO.
YOU SHOULD STAY HERE AND PRACTICE YOUR NINJUTSU SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR QUALIFICATION.
GOOD!
I'LL GET MY SCOUTS TO WORK WITH YOU.
RECEIVE MY QUALIFICATION...

YOU TOO, HANZO. YOU SHOULDN'T LOWER YOUR GUARD JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE SMOOCHED USAGI.
HOW DID YOU ..
WHAAAAT?!
YOU FAILED YOUR ASSIGNMENT, SO I'M LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE.
I'LL GO TO AZUCHI!
MY WEDDING WITH HANZO JUST KEEPS GETTING TOUGHER AND TOUGHER...
BLUSH
AH!
BLUSH
Hanzo and Usagi
IT MUST HAVE BEEN MA-MEZO
SIGH
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO TO AZUCHI MYSELF AND CHECK UP ON RANMARU.

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YOU TWO CAN SNEAK INTO THE CAPITAL POSING AS HUSBAND AND WIFE.
I'M GOING TOO?!
THE CAPITAL, HUH.
THAT'S GONNA BE TOUGH
TAKE USAGI WITH YOU ON THIS ASSIGN-MENT
WITH GOEMON THIS TIME...?!
HUSBAND AND WIFE... ♪

YOU JUST NEED TO TRY AGAIN, THAT'S ALL.
HOW DID YOU...?
HEARD YOUR QUALIFICATION GOT REVOKED.
OOH..
YURI!!
MASTER.
WHAT'S MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, GOEMON.
ACK!
NINJA WHO LIVE AS NATIVES OF A CERTAIN PLACE IN ORDER TO GATHER INFORMATION.
WHAT'S A "KUSA"?
Duuuh idiot
...AND PREVENT THE ODA ARMY FROM PROCURING WEAPONS
I WANT YOU TO BECOME A KUSA IN THE CAPITAL...

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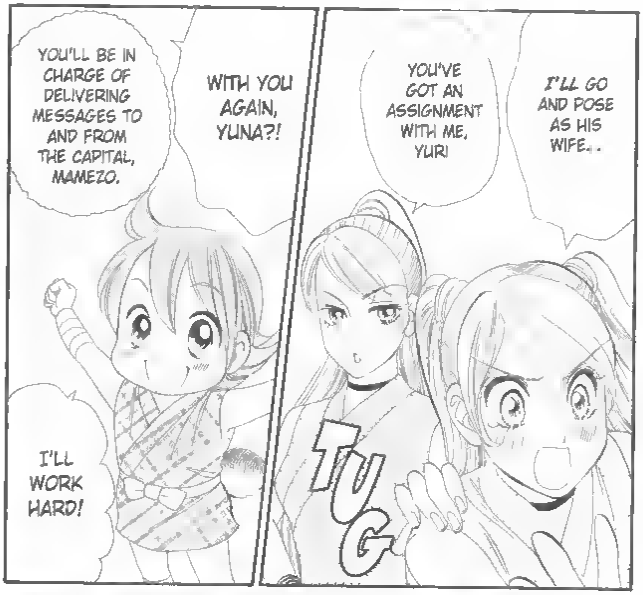
YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF DELIVERING MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE CAPITAL, MAMEZO.
WITH YOU AGAIN, YUNA?!
I'LL WORK HARD!
YOU'VE GOT AN ASSIGNMENT WITH ME, YURI
I'LL GO AND POSE AS HIS WIFE..
TUG

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